

In the Specification

Please amend paragraph [0008] as shown:

[0008] Figure 1A is a perspective view illustrating a support stand adapter and attached computing device according to an embodiment of the invention; Figure 1B is a plan view illustrating a bottom surface of a computing device; Figure 1C is partial sectional view illustrating engagement of a support stand adapter to a bottom surface of a computing device in accordance with an embodiment of the invention;

Please amend paragraph [0026] as shown:

[0026] Figure 2B provides a top view of the adapter 100. In Figure 2B, the top surface is shown at 200. The portable computing device, for example a laptop computer, can be placed directly on the top surface 200 of the adapter 100. The top surface 200 provides support for the placement of a portable computing device without need for further attachments to enable function. As illustrated in Figure 2B, enhancements in form of attachments 240 are provided to connect the portable computing device to the adapter in a more secure fashion. The purpose of such attachments is to create a more stable connection between the computing device and the adapter. These attachments are used to engage one or more cooperating openings in the computing device. FIG. 1B is a plan view illustrating a bottom surface 130 of a portable computing device. The bottom surface 130 has a plurality of openings 140 which are engageable by the attachments of the adapter 100.

Please amend paragraph [0028] as shown:

[0028] In an embodiment, these latches or attachments, as shown at 240 in Figure 2B, are especially designed to match the openings of a particular device such as a laptop computer. FIG. 1C is a partial sectional view through line C-C of FIG. 1B. FIG. 1A illustrates a latch 170 provided from a top surface 200 of the adapter 100, the latch 170 engaging a cooperating opening 140, e.g., a secure keyhole in the bottom surface 130 of the computing device. Preferably, a plurality of latches provided from the top surface of the adapter engage a plurality of cooperating openings in the computing device, in a manner such as shown in FIG. 1C, for example.

Please amend paragraph [0035] as shown:

[0035] An embodiment of such adapter 400 is illustrated in the front and rear perspective views of Figures 4A and 4B. As shown in Figure 4A, in this embodiment, like the embodiments shown and described above with respect to Figures 1 and 2A-2B, the adapter 400 includes a support plate 402 having a top surface 404 and a bottom surface opposite the top surface. From the support plate, one or more connectors are provided from the bottom surface (not shown) for securing the adapter 400 to a support stand such as a tripod. Such connectors are shown and described above with respect to Figures 2A, 3A and 3B. Provided from the support plate are one or more attachments 440, e.g. latches, for the purpose of securing a computing system to the adapter 400. In a preferred embodiment, the adapter 400 includes a latch which is engageable with the secure keyhole that is provided on the laptop computer, such as shown and described above with reference to FIGS. 1B and 1C. The engageable latch can include a variety of specially designed ridges, pivots and other configurations, as described above with

respect to Figure 2B, to enable secure attachment with a secure keyhole or other cooperating element of the computing device.